Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Albert Eklund, South Dakota and West River telephone pioneer and member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, is celebrating his 90th birthday on July 30, 1988; and,

WHEREAS, For 65 years, Albert has been a part of the growth and development of the telephone industry; and,

WHEREAS, Albert began his telephone career as a lineman in 1923, later building and acquiring telephone exchanges that served the West River rural area of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, These telephone exchanges provided essential communication services that were basic and vital to the welfare and economy of the ranchers and residents of the sparsely settled West River area; and,

WHEREAS, Albert, working through church and civic organizations, has consistently promoted community betterment and, through his personal philanthropy, has given the grounds in beautiful Rapid Canyon for the Presbyterian Camp Rimrock and for the Salvation Army Black Hills Camp; and,

WHEREAS, On behalf of a state grateful for the benefits derived from Albert's years as a productive and outstanding citizen of South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 30, 1988, as

ALBERT EKLUND DAY

in South Dakota, and recognize his lifelong contribution to building and making western South Dakota a better place in which to live, and honor him on this significant milestone in his life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE